THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of cement

2254. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative production of cement during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the installed capacity of production of cement, State-wise;

(c) whether the capacity has been fully explored;

(d) if not,the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the cement produced in these States has fully been utilised; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by Government for fuller utilisation of the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The present State-wise installed capacity and State-wise production of cement during the last three years is given in the Statement annexed. (*see* below) After meeting the domestic demand, the industry has also exported 3.15 million tonnes of cement in 2000-01, 3.38 million tonnes in 2001-02 and 3.47 million tonnes in 2002-03.

(c) to (f) The capacity utilisation has been in the range of 79 to 81% in the last three years. Government has identified the following thrust areas for increasing demand for cement which will automatically lead to enhancement in the production of cement.

(i) Further push to housing development programmes;

(ii) Promotion of concrete Highways and roads; and

(iii) Use of ready mix concrete in large infrastructure projects.

Statement

State-wise installed capacity and production of cement by large cement plants

(In lakh tonnes)

S.No.	Region/State	Present Installed Capacity	Production of Cement 2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Northern Region					
1	Haryana	1.70			
2	Punjab	30.40	15.24	19.03	29.47
3	Rajasthan	177.20	145.27	160.05	172.81
4	Himachal Pradesh	40.60	33.75	38.98	37.96
5	Delhi	5.00	0	0	0
6	Jammu & Kashmir	2.00	1.09	1.36	1.14
Northern Region-Total		**256.90**	**195.35**	**219.42**	**241.38**
Eastern Region					
7	Assam	2.00	1.34	1.33	1.42
8	Meghalaya	2.00	1.22	1.06	1.04
9	Bihar	10.00	6.21	6.25	5.62
10	Jharkhand	45.70	25.08	30.09	36.37
11	Orissa	30.40	24.17	24.33	26.12
12	West Bengal	31.30	8.33	17.4	25.2
13	Chattisgarh	102.20	86.05	86.26	71.27
Eastern Region-Total		**223.60**	**152.40**	**166.72**	**167.04**
Southern Region					
14	Andhra Pradesh	211.30	126.35	134.12	132.48
15	Tamil Nadu	145.60	82.41	93.08	116.66
16	Karnataka	100.90	60.89	67.64	80.92
17	Kerala	4.20	4.37	3.94	4.1
Southern Region-Total		**462.00**	**274.02**	**298.78**	**334.16**
Western Region					
18	Gujarat	144.80	93.14	105.45	100.84
19	Maharashtra	113.00	65.03	66.84	91.88
Western Region-Total:		**257.80**	**158.17**	**172.29**	**192.72**

S.No.	Region/State	Present Installed Capacity	Production of Cement 2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Central Region					
20	Uttar Pradesh	50.60	16.02	18.27	24.27
21	Madhya Pradesh	161.90	140.1	148.53	153.92
Central Region-Total		**212.50**	**156.12**	**166.80**	**178.19**
	Grand Total	**1412.80**	**936.06**	**1024.01**	**1113.49**

Note: Statewise capacity and production in respect of mini cement plants is not maintained centrally. However, their present installed capacity is 11.10 million tonnes and on an average they produce 4 to 5 million tonnes per year.

Export and import ratio

†2255. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export-import ratio in the country during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for no improvement in foreign trade of the country;

(c) the amount spent on the imports and earned through exports in terms of dollars during the said period; and

(d) the details of Government's policy for reducing the imports and enhancing the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) As per the data received from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, value of exports, imports of merchandise goods and the export-import ratio in the country during the last three years is as under:

(US$ million)

Year	Exports	% Growth	Imports	% Growth	Export as % of Import
2000-01	44560	21	50536	1.7	88.17
2001-02	43827	-1.6	51413	1.7	85.25
2002-03(P)	52234	19.2	61286	19.2	85.23

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.